



A look at the week's most recent employee benefits & announcements

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Week of February 22nd

MARTIN SPEAKS

Central Chapter of NJAHU Sponsors Self Funded Certification Course

This year's CJAHU's March Madness Event will be jam packed with an interactive Compliance Corner Live CE class, hosted by Joan Fusco, Steve Honig, Chris Vanderwolk, and Stephanie Colonna-Romano.

The chapter has also made a huge investment to provide value, increase education and provide professional development to existing and future NAHU members by offering NAHU's Self Funded Certification Course.

Full-Day Agenda:

9-11 AM: 2 CE - Compliance Corner Live - 2 Hour CE with Joan Fusco, Steve Honig, Chris Vanderwolk & Stephanie Colonna-Romano

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Lunch

1-4 PM: Self-Funding Certification Course taught by RuthAnn Laswick

Registration Details as follows:

Register for Morning Only OR for Full Day.

Option 1: Morning Session Only - \$60

[Register Here](#)

9 AM - 12:30 PM

Upcoming Events

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[Read More for Registration Details](#)

CMS 2016 Qualified Health Plans

The 2016 QHP January Series I sessions provide issuers with program and operational guidance for operating Marketplace and Premium Stabilization programs.

Various

**Includes Breakfast and Lunch.
No payment or registration can be taken at the door. No
refunds.**

**Option 2: Self Funded Class and Full Day Meeting
Including the Morning Session, Breakfast and Lunch**

9 AM - 4 PM

Cost options:

First 100 Member Registrants - \$60 fee

101st member - on - \$175 fee

Any Non- Member - \$335 fee

[Register Here](#)

**Please Note: No Registration or payment will be
accepted at the door. No refunds.**

For more information, please reach out to Stephanie Colonna-Romano at scolonna@martinins.com or Jessica Martin at jessmartin@martinins.com

CARRIER UPDATES

Horizon BCBS Discontinuation of Advantage Forumulary

As of January 1, 2016, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey has discontinued its Advantage Formulary. All Individual and Small Group plans, whether on or off exchange, are now using the Classic Drug List for the Health Insurance Marketplace. All other market segments are using the Classic Drug List. This change has no member or rating impact. [Read More.](#)

CMS Helpful Tax Readiness Resources for Agents and Brokers

In preparation for consumers receiving 1095A, B and C forms, the IRS has prepared an FAQ about the health care reporting forms to help consumers understand these forms, including who should expect to receive them and how to use the information in them when preparing their federal income tax returns. The information in the FAQ will be useful to you in helping consumers. Please [click here](#) to read the FAQ.

AmeriHealth Important Information About 1095-B Issuance

On February 8, AmeriHealth New Jersey began mailing IRS 1095-B tax forms on a continuing basis to off-exchange subscribers, and fully-insured group subscribers. All subscribers and fully-insured

**CMS Subject Matter
Experts will be available
to
present information and
answer questions
during the following
sessions:**

Log onto

**<https://www.REGTAP.info/> to
register.**

group subscribers should receive a 1095-B from AmeriHealth by early March. Please note that off-exchange subscribers and fully-insured group subscribers who were active during our platform migration will be receiving two 1095-B tax forms. They will receive a 1095-B containing tax information related to their pre-migration status. The other 1095-B will include tax information related to their post-migration status. [Read More.](#)

Understanding the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit

The Affordable Care Act includes the small business health care tax credit, which can benefit small employers who provide health coverage for their employees. In this issue of IRS Tax Tips, they provide some facts that will help brokers and business understand the tax credit and how it may affect small businesses and tax-exempt organizations. [Read More.](#)

AmeriHealth Pediatric Dental Communications for Customers and Members

As a reminder, all AmeriHealth SEH groups enrolled in a United Concordia dental plan transitioned to an AmeriHealth branded plan effective January 1st. However, due to systematic delays, groups with the Pediatric-only dental plan had their dental premiums and dental ID cards delayed. **As previously communicated, all AmeriHealth groups enrolled in the Pediatric only dental plan will receive their March invoices containing three months of dental premium payment, and members will receive new ID cards in the coming days.** [Read More.](#)

Horizon BCBS Webex: 2016 Horizon Employee Assistance Programs

There is still time to register for Horizon BCBS Webex: 2016 Horizon Employee Assistance Programs. This presentation will provide an overview of Horizon's Employee Assistance Programs Core Services.

Registration and WebEx Information

Date: February 24, 2016

Time: 1:00PM - 2:00PM EST

2016 Horizon Employee Assistance Programs

Presented by: Horizon-BCBSNJ

Registration Link: [2016 Horizon Employee Assistance Programs 2.24.2016 1pm](#)

Date: February 25, 2016

Time: 1:00PM - 2:00PM EST

2016 Horizon Employee Assistance Programs

Presented by: Horizon-BCBSNJ

Registration Link: [2016 Horizon Employee Assistance Programs 2.25.2016 1pm](#)

Updated Important Oxford Metro Materials

As a reminder, the Oxford Metro Network has been available to your New York clients for the past few months. To help with future Oxford Metro Network enrollments, we have included the 2016 New York [Small Group OHI Application](#). It has been updated to clarify

how deductibles are applied to Oxford Metro Network plan designs. We've also included a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for you to use when meeting with clients. [Read More.](#)

Horizon BCBS Episodes of Care Results

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey has announced that it paid out approximately \$3 million to 51 specialty medical practices as part of shared savings generated through the company's innovative Episodes of Care program. The doctors, in five different specialty areas, earned the payments by achieving quality, cost efficiency and patient satisfaction goals in 2014 while treating more than 8,000 Horizon BCBS members. [Read More.](#)

MARTIN UP-TO-THE-MINUTE

We have summarized the top announcements from the carriers and Martin to keep you up-to-the minute with the news and happenings in the industry! Check out what's happening below.

[Horizon BCBS of NJ Form 1095-B Updated Information Addendum](#)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND REMINDERS

New Business and Conversion Deadlines

Stay up-to-date and prepared with all the upcoming conversion and new business deadlines with the major SEH carriers in NJ.

[Click Here.](#)

2016 MARKETPLACE REGISTRATION LINKS

2016 links are out so make sure you are registered for this year's Open Enrollment Season!

For more information, please contact Greg Nocera at gnocera@martinins.com.

[2016 Horizon BCBS of NJ Marketplace Registration Link](#)

[2016 AmeriHealth Marketplace Registration Link](#)

[2016 UHC/Broker Marketplace Link](#)

[Oscar 2016 Marketplace Link](#)



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